

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20544

In the Matter of:)
Nomination for Universal Service) **CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45**
Administrator's Board of Directors)

Pursuant to section 54.703 (c) (1) of the Commission's rules, the National Association of the State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA) nominates Wayne R. Jortner, Senior Counsel to the State of Maine, Office of the Public Advocate, to serve on the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors as the representative for state consumer advocates.

Submitted by:

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WAYNE R. JORTNER

BAR MEMBERSHIP

State of Maine, admitted 1990;
State of New York, admitted 1980;
United States District Court, Eastern and Southern Districts of New York,
admitted 1980; District of Maine, admitted 1991.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

State of Maine, Office of the Public Advocate

Augusta, Maine 1991 – present

Senior Counsel, representing utility consumers in the State of Maine before the Maine Public Utilities Commission, the Maine Supreme Court, the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Author of the Ratewatcher Telecom Guide, a semi-annual 16-page telecommunications information newsletter, including rate comparisons for telephone services, wireless services and Internet services.

Building Service Employees Legal Fund, S.E.I.U.

New York, New York 1986-1990

Supervising Attorney, managed and trained a unit of eight attorneys and their support staff, representing clients in the areas of bankruptcy, real estate, consumer litigation, general litigation, administrative agency matters, wills, estate advice and defense of tort actions. Directly handled a caseload of criminal defense matters. Was also jointly responsible for general office and personnel management in this union legal services program employing over forty attorneys.

New York Law School

New York, New York 1988-1989

Adjunct Instructor of Law, taught required first year legal research and writing course.

American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Municipal Employees Legal Services

New York, New York 1980-1986

Senior Attorney, 1984-1989, supervised a unit of eight attorneys and their support staff, representing clients in the areas of bankruptcy and consumer litigation in this union legal services program employing over 70 attorneys.

Staff Attorney, 1980-1984, represented clients in the areas of matrimonial law, consumer litigation, real estate, bankruptcy, family law, landlord/tenant law, and defense of tort actions. Experience included trials, arbitrations, government agency hearings, depositions, motion practice, trial briefs, drafting of pleadings, drafting of contracts and negotiation.

LEGAL/REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

Universal Service Administrative Company

Washington, D.C. 2002 to present

Treasurer/Board Member, nominated by NASUCA and appointed by the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission to serve on USAC's Board of Directors as the representative of all U.S. consumers. Elected Treasurer, overseeing collection and disbursement of over \$6 Billion annually to support universal service programs authorized by Congress in the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA)

Member, Telecommunications Committee, 1993 to present. Panelist/Presenter at national convention on three occasions.

Better Business Bureau of Metropolitan New York, Inc.

Arbitrator, conducted binding arbitrations involving automobile warranty claims and other consumer disputes, 1984-1988.

Civil Court of the City of New York

Arbitrator, conducted trials pursuant to the Civil Court compulsory arbitration program, 1984-1990.

NON-LEGAL ACTIVITIES

Institutional Review Board, Maine General Medical Center

Member of board reviewing ethical requirements for clinical trials involving patients at regional medical center, 2003 to present.

EDUCATION

Rutgers University Law School Camden, New Jersey

J.D. degree 1979, dean's list

Queens College of the City University of New York Flushing, New York

B.A. degree, 1976, honors in economics, President of Economics Honor Society.